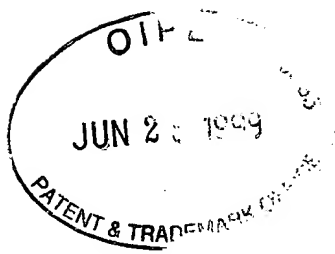


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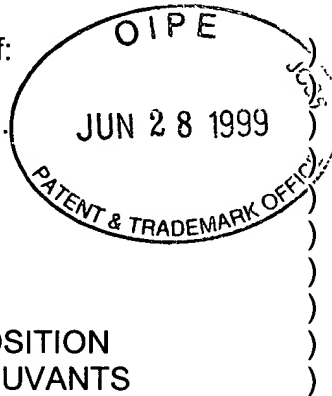
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In reply to the Final Office Action of August 11, 1998, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Appellants propose that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 28, line 2, after "(HIV)" add --antigen--.

REMARKS

By this amendment, Appellants seek to correct an inadvertent omission from claim 28 that is clear from the specification. Claim 28 recites a method of enhancing the immune response to HIV by administering the claimed vaccine to an animal. The

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